LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A system for developing and using a request for transaction framework comprising:

a framework engine configured to enable a market maker to develop a request for transaction framework for a particular market, wherein the framework engine creates the request for transaction framework for the particular market based on attribute parameters selected and defined by the market maker; and

a request for transaction engine to manage a request for transaction using the request for transaction framework, and configured to enable an organization within the particular market to prepare a request relating to a resource requirement and select a response relating to the resource requirement, wherein the request for transaction engine comprises a request engine, a response engine; and an analysis engine;

wherein the analysis engine enables an organization to perform an analysis framework on a plurality of responses based on an extensible number of attributes, the analysis framework available to the organization being determined by the market maker using the framework engine and the extensible number of attributes comprising a set of attributes from an existing set of attributes and at least one new attribute defined by a user of the system and not present in the existing set of attributes; and

wherein the request comprises structured attribute information relating to the resource requirement, the structured attribute information being defined by the market maker using the framework engine.

Claims 2-4 (canceled)

5. (original) The system of claim 3, wherein the request engine comprises a request for proposal engine and a request for quote engine.

6. (original) The system of claim 3, wherein the analysis engine enables a plurality of providers to perform a analysis framework on a plurality of

requests based on an extensible number of attributes, wherein the analysis framework available to the plurality of providers is determined by the market maker using the framework engine.

7. (original) The system of claim 3, wherein the response engine enables the plurality of providers to prepare and transmit a plurality of responses to the request.

Claim 8 (canceled)

9. (original) The system of claim 3, wherein:

the organization transmits information to and receives information from the request engine and the analysis engine based on a first language associated with an organization user; and

each of the providers transmit information to and receive information from the response engine and the analysis engine based on a second language associated with a provider user.

10. (original) The system of claim 3, wherein:

the organization transmits information to and receives information from the request engine and the analysis engine based on a first currency associated with an organization user; and

each of the providers transmit information to and receive information from the response engine and the analysis engine based on a first currency associated with a provider user.

11. (original) The system of claim 3, wherein:

the organization transmits information to and receives information from the request engine and the analysis engine based on a first unit of measure associated with an organization user; and

each of the providers transmit information to and receive information from the response engine and the analysis engine based on a second unit of measure associated with a provider user.

12. (currently amended) A computer implemented method for developing and using a request for transaction framework comprising the acts:

developing an electronic request for transaction framework that establishes a set of relevant attributes for a particular market, the set of relevant attributes being selected from a set of existing market attributes based on input from a market maker and the set of relevant attributes including at least one user-defined attribute not present in the set of existing market attributes;

receiving a request for transaction, wherein an organization in the particular market indicates a resource requirement by indicating a set of values for the set of relevant attributes;

receiving a plurality of responses to the request, wherein a plurality of providers for the particular market develop the plurality of responses by indicating a set of values for the set of relevant attributes;

determining a selected response by the organization based on the set of values for the set of relevant variables provided in the plurality of responses; and

analyzing the plurality of responses based on a set of attributes selected by a user, the set of user-selectable attributes being extensible by the user.

13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the request comprises structured attribute information relating to a resource requirement.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

analyzing, by the plurality of providers, a plurality of pending requests based on an extensible number of user-selectable attributes.

15. (currently amended) A computer implemented method for developing an electronic online request for transaction market comprising:

determining relevant market attributes;

selecting relevant existing attributes;

selectively creating new attributes <u>not available in the determined relevant market attributes, wherein the act of selectively creating the new attributes comprises, for each of the new attributes, determining an attribute name, determining an attribute data type, and determining a set of attribute constraints</u>;

selecting an analysis framework; and

developing the online request for transaction based on the selected relevant existing attributes, the newly created attributes, and the selected analysis framework.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the act of selectively creating a new attribute <u>further</u> comprises:

~~determining an attribute name;~~

~~determining an attribute data type;~~

determining a data entry control type;

~~determining a set of attribute constraints;~~

determining an attribute analysis framework option; and

developing, based on each of the determined attribute parameters, a new attribute.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein the data entry control type comprises one of, a drop down list, a list box, an input box, a combination box, a radio button, and a check box.

18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the act of providing the attribute constraints comprises providing a set of possible attribute values of a data entry control when the data entry control type comprises one of a drop down list, a list box, a combination box and a radio button.

19. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein the act of providing attribute constraints additionally comprises the act of determining a help object to associate with the new attribute.

20. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein each of the acts is implemented using a graphical user interface.

21. (currently amended) A system for developing and using a request for transaction framework comprising:

    framework engine means for enabling a market maker to develop a request for transaction framework for a particular market, wherein the framework engine creates the request for transaction framework for the particular market based on attribute parameters selected and defined by the market maker; and

    request for transaction means for managing a request for transaction using the request for transaction framework, and enabling an organization within the particular market to prepare a request for transaction relating to a resource requirement and select a response relating to the resource requirement including sorting a set of received responses based on price when two or more prices in the received responses differ by more than about a preset amount and when the prices in the received responses do not differ by more than about the preset amount, sorting the set of received responses based on another predetermined attribute in the response, wherein the preset amount is set based on input to the request for transaction means from a user of the system;

    wherein the request comprises structured attribute information relating to the resource requirement, the structured attribute information being defined by the market maker using the framework engine.

Claim 22 (canceled)